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This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 19, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 19, 2003. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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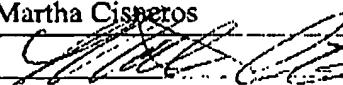
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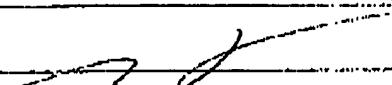
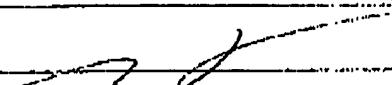
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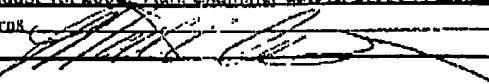
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